

DISOWNED

By EVELYN LEE

What was that—the wind?
Wilson Brody started up from his cozy arm chair before a blazing fire in the grate and bent his ear toward the window past which the tempest was sweeping with vibrating force.

"It sounded like a shriek—a woman's scream," replied Eunice, his sister.

Brody hurried on hat and coat and hastened out into the yard. As he came fully out into the street he was startled to observe a girl in the refuge of a street lamp, her hand raised bewilderedly to her head, just arising from the sidewalk.

"Are you hurt? What is it?" he inquired solicitously, and caught her by the arm to steady her, noting a sweet, innocent face and gentle eyes, but just now filled with fear.

"A man!" gasped the girl breathlessly. "He pushed me and I fell. He tore my satchel from my hand."

"There it is!" exclaimed Brody, as he noticed ten feet away the object in question. It lay open, some of its contents being scattered on the sidewalk. Brody went to pick it up and the girl clung to the lamp post as he gathered up the articles.

"I must have been followed, I feared it half a mile back from here—but why?"

"There were valuables?" questioned Brody.

"No, only my few belongings and some papers. Oh, see, sir!" she cried in poignant alarm, as she groped among the contents of the bag. "They are gone!"

"If you will tell me where you live I will see you safely home," suggested Brody, kindly.

"I am a stranger here," replied the girl. "I came to seek my father. I located his office and explained to a man in charge. I told him who I was and about the papers I had to identify me. He said that Mr. Robert Farr, that is my father, was absent. I am almost sure that he followed me."

Brody was puzzled, for the girl's statements were unusual and strange. But he read the truth in those innocent frightened eyes. Both sympathy and interest were aroused. Just then Eunice came to where they stood.

"What is it, brother?" she inquired and Brody repeating the explanation the girl had given, warm-hearted Eunice caught her arm and led the way to the house.

"Poor dear!" she murmured, "you must come in out of the storm." The girl was faint and drooping, but she revived magically as these good Samaritans placed her before the cheerful fire and Eunice brought her a steaming cup of tea.

"I am Myrtle Farr," she told them. "I have lived with an old aunt, an invalid, in New Mexico since my mother died when I was an infant. My father was away in Alaska at the time and never returned to see me. Through all these years he has trusted me to Aunt Celia, sending each year enough money to provide for both of us until lately. When she was dying she told me to go to him. Her only clue as to his whereabouts was that she had heard that he owned considerable property in this city."

"And you found him?"

"No, I only located an office bearing his name on the door. Those I inquired of said he had been here for only a few weeks."

"You must remain with us until my brother locates into this matter," declared Eunice and after Myrtle Farr was comfortably installed in a spare room they discussed the singular event that had brought this stranger to their threshold.

"I have seen Robert Farr at his office," reported Brody to Myrtle two days later. "I told him of your claim. He absolutely denies having a daughter or of ever hearing of you before."

Myrtle Farr was fairly crushed at this declaration. She was insistent on seeing the man who disowned her and asked Brody to accompany her to the office he had just left.

"That is Robert Farr," spoke Brody as they nearly reached the building he had just before visited and he pointed out a man entering it.

There came into the eyes of his companion a glow of sudden revelation. "That the Robert Farr?" she whispered, strangely agitated, "who says I am not his daughter? Oh, Mr. Brody! there is some mystery here, for that man is not my father. Aunt Celia had a picture of him he sent her two years ago, and this man does not in any way resemble him. I had it among my papers."

There was more than mystery. There was plotting and wickedness, as Wilson Brody ascertained after a week's time devoted to unraveling the identity of the pretended Robert Farr. Through diligent application to the case and detective co-operation, he learned that the impostor and fellow conspirators had kidnapped the real Robert Farr, who lived in another place, and the principal schemer had come to the city intent on assuming his identity and claiming and selling his property.

A month later the plotter and his confederates were in jail, and the real Robert Farr, rescued from forced imprisonment, was a guest at the Brody home, glad and proud of the daughter he had never seen before.

And there they both remained, the father as a welcome member of the household, and fair Myrtle as the wife of Wilson Brody.

A HOSTAGE TO VANITY

By OTILLIA F. PFEIFFER

It was vanity and opportunity that caused Muriel Dyson to fall into the temptation and error of her life. Roger Bird had invited her to the opera and for his sake she wished to appear at her best. It needed no art to enhance her natural beauty and gracefulness, but like every young girl, self-adornment appealed to her and the chance of her life to particularly shine in the eyes of others lured her into a maze of trouble.

She had been the home teacher of little Miss and Paul Secrist, children of very wealthy parents, and both Mr. and Mrs. Secrist were kindly indulgent to her and allowed her to share in the best there was in the house. The parents were going away for a few days and Mrs. Secrist, who had learned of Roger's invitation, spoke pleasantly the morning of their departure.

"You are at liberty to wear my opera cloak tomorrow evening, Muriel, and any of my trinkets or jewelry that meet your fancy," she said.

"Oh, thank you!" beamed the delighted Muriel, "you are too kind to me."

"I fear I am working against my own interest in encouraging Mr. Bird to some day steal you away from us," said Mrs. Secrist smilingly.

"Oh, I think there is no danger of that," responded the blushing Muriel, but secretly hoped so.

Everybody about the house idolized the charming girl who had a smile and a kind word for the humblest mental. They all exhibited interest and sympathy in her anticipated evening of enjoyment with the manly, handsome young fellow who was to escort her to the opera. All the afternoon the housekeeper and the nurse took charge of the children so that Muriel would have ample leisure to prepare and dress for the occasion.

About dusk Muriel went into Mrs. Secrist's room of which she had been left the key. She was enchanted to think of the generous invitation to use what articles of jewelry she liked and a modest neck pin and a ring with a neat setting were chosen and worn with complacent happiness. Pleased and satisfied with her choice, Muriel was about to go downstairs when she was fixed upon an article of adornment that fairly fascinated her. In enraptured ecstasy Muriel fastened her eyes on the beautiful necklace that looked up at her from its nest of satin.

"It is the lovely one that Mrs. Secrist wears on grand occasions, so precious and envied," she murmured. "How careless to leave such a valuable belonging in an unlocked drawer. Oh, you beauties! How does it look on me? Oh, if I dared—if I dared!"

She thrilled and trembled at the suggestion of what a rare three hours' pleasure she could have from wearing this marvel of worth and beauty. Her breath came quick as she gazed upon her reflection in the mirror. How proud Roger would be of her! For once she could pose as a grand lady, indeed. Yes, she dared. Where was the harm? She would return it safely and no one would be the wiser.

"You make one think of some royal queen," Roger whispered to her as removing her wraps at the opera house she suggested the name of royal opulence. Muriel was in a fervent glow of delight all that evening. The tender parting words of Roger rewarded her for looking so lovely. She ran up the stairs to her room satisfied, jubilant, perfectly happy, and then—

"The necklace! It's gone!" fell from her appalled lips.

Well might the words almost scream from her ashen lips. Well might she quiver and reel. She sank to a chair gasping for breath. A cold horror came into her face. Then she ran down the stairs through the vestibule even out to the curb, looking everywhere, returning sick at heart, weeping in despair that seemed to shroud the world in darkness. She restored the opera cloak to its wonted cabinet and stole to her bed feeling guilty as some thief.

She passed a restless night, in the morning sending word to the housekeeper that she was ill. Roger called, to go away anxious and desponding, for she would not see him. What would Mrs. Secrist say at the loss of her priceless possession? How could she atone for this reckless dalliance with vanity at such a frightful cost?

Muriel dreaded the hour when confession must come. She shrank down among the pillows the second morning when she heard Mrs. Secrist in the hall solicitously inquiring about her.

"The poor dear!" sounded the sweetly sympathetic tones. "I must console and nurse her. Tell her house to be very quiet until our dear is quite well again."

"Oh Mrs. Secrist! the necklace!" burst forth Muriel as the lady entered the room, and then she was dumb as her startled eyes fell upon the necklace in Mrs. Secrist's hand.

"Yes, I found it caught in the lining of my opera cloak. It is only the replica, you know, worn for ordinary occasions. The real necklace is at my banker's. Why, my love—quick! quick!" screamed Mrs. Secrist. "Miss Muriel has fainted away."

It was to arouse sobbing out in the loving arms of the kind-hearted lady the wretched story of her two days of dread and sorrow, a hostage to vanity.

The girls of the period dot the landscape

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NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF PAVING DISTRICT NUMBER 6 IN THE CITY OF NORTH PLATTE, NEBR.

To the owners of the record title of all property adjacent to or abutting upon the streets hereinafter described and all persons interested therein:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Platte, did under date of June 1, 1920 pass and approve a certain ordinance forming and creating paving district Number 6 of the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that the following streets, including the intersections thereof, within the limits of the City are comprised within said paving district to-wit:

All that portion of 5th street of said City, commencing on the West line of Bryan Avenue, in said City, at the intersection of 5th street with said Bryan Avenue; thence West along said 5th street to the East line of Pine street; where the same intersects said 5th street.

Unless objections are filed as required by Statute, within twenty days from the first publication of this notice the Mayor and City Council shall proceed to construct such paving.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1920.
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Estate No. 1710 of Frank L. Lawrence, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that the Administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. when you may appear and contest the same. Dated June 12, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.

Estate No. 1708 of Albert M. Seibert, deceased. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska: To all persons interested in said Estate, take notice that the administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. when you may appear and contest the same. Dated June 12, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.

Estate No. 1588 of Mary Duggan, deceased. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska: To all persons interested in said Estate, take notice that the administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. when you may appear and contest the same. Dated June 12, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

NOTICE OF REFERENCE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order issued to me by the District Court in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, in an action therein pending wherein John Arthur Simms, is plaintiff, Gertrude Simms, Elsie Sedall Boyle, nee Simms, John Boyle her husband, Sarah Ina Wilson nee Simms, Charles Wilson her husband, Leslie D. Simms, single, Elmer Cleveland Simms, single, Charles Herbert Simms, a minor, Joe Victor Simms, a minor, Harry Ezra Simms, a minor, Junia Clara Simms, a minor, are defendants, I will on the 19th day of July, 1920, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day at the east front door of the Court House in the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Lincoln and State of Nebraska, to-wit: South half of Southwest quarter (2½ of SW¼), Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (NE¼ of SW¼), Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (SW¼ of SW¼), of Section twenty-eight (28), Township eleven (11), Range Thirty (30); the North half of the Southwest quarter (N½ of SW¼), the South half of the Northeast quarter (S½ of NE¼) of Section twenty-eight (28), Township eleven (11), Range Thirty (30); and the Northeast quarter (NE¼) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township eleven (11), Range Thirty (30).

Dated this 14th day of June, 1920.
O. E. ELDER, Referee.

Notice of Paving.

Estate No. 1765 of Bernard Miller, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and Testament of said deceased and for appointment of George Taylor as Executor of said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on July 2, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated June 5, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the assessor in and for the Birdwood Irrigation District, Lincoln County, Nebraska, has completed the assessment for said district and has delivered the same to the secretary. The Board of Directors is hereby called to meet at the office of the secretary on the SE¼ of Section 36, Township 15, Range 32 west, Tuesday, July 6th, 1920, to act as a Board of Equalization and to hear objections to the assessment.

The said board to remain in session as long as necessary not to exceed ten days during which time all objections to the assessment and valuation will be heard and determined.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1920.
J. L. 2.
MARY C. McNEEL, Secy.

Notice of Additional Land to be Included in Birdwood Irrigation District.

Notice is hereby given to each and every owner of land in the Birdwood Irrigation District that on the 12th day of January, 1920, Catherine Boyle filed at the office of said district a petition praying that the boundaries of said district be changed so as to include the following described land, to-wit:

Part of N½ of NE¼ of NE¼, consisting of fifteen acres, part of NW¼ of NE¼ consisting of fifteen acres; part of N½ of NW¼ of NW¼ consisting of fifteen acres; part of N½ of NW¼ of NW¼ consisting of fifteen acres, making a total of sixty acres of Section 6, Township 14, Range 32 west of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, which are contiguous to the Birdwood Irrigation District, and which constitute one tract of land, said petition prays that the aforesaid lands be included in the district and be irrigated from the canal and the water right proportion of said district the same as lands now embraced within the boundaries of said district.

All persons interested in said petition will appear at this office on Tuesday, July 6th, 1920, and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Dated this 15th day of June, 1920.
J. L. 2.
MARY C. McNEEL, Secy.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie Cornet, Deceased.

To the Heirs and all persons interested in said Estate:

You are hereby notified that on June 10, 1920, E. R. Goodman, as executor of said estate, filed in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, his account and application for the distribution of said estate, and the assignment of the real estate thereof, to-wit: All of Lots Five (5) and Six (6) of Block Five (5) of Gamble's Addition to the Village of Hecarthy, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that said account and application will be heard before this court on the 6th day of July, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m. in the county court room in the court house in the City of North Platte, in said county, and you are hereby cited to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved and allowed and said estate distributed and assigned.

Dated North Platte, Nebraska, June 10, 1920. WM. H. C. WOODHURST, J. L. 2. (SEAL) County Judge.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Margaret Meyer, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that on June 9th, 1920, Edward R. Goodman, as executor of said estate, filed in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, his account and application for the distribution of said estate, and that said account and application for distribution will be heard on the 6th day of July, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m. in the county court room in the court house in the City of North Platte, in said county, and you are hereby cited to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved and allowed and said estate distributed.

Dated at North Platte, Nebraska, June 9, 1920. WM. H. C. WOODHURST, J. L. 2. (SEAL) County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. McKnight, Deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Carl E. Wilson has filed his duly verified petition in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, alleging that Mary E. McKnight died intestate on or about the 21st day of March, A. D. 1919, seized of and in possession of the following described premises situated in the County of Frontier and State of Nebraska, to-wit: Lot numbered eight (8), in Block numbered fourteen (14), in the village of Curtis, according to the recorded plat thereof, leaving her surviving her husband, Robert A. McKnight, and the following named children and no other issue or descendants, to-wit:

William S. McKnight, a son, over twenty-one years of age; Anna McKnight, a daughter, over twenty-one years of age; Robert Harrison McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Charles McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Clarence McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Claude McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age.

That said petitioner, Carl E. Wilson, is the owner of said premises in fee simple, having derived title thereto by direct conveyances from the heirs of said deceased and by means conveyed by him from Barbara F. Elson and husband, D. D. Elson; that more than two years have elapsed since the death of said deceased and no application has been made in the state of Nebraska for the appointment of an administrator either by her heirs or by persons claiming to be creditors of said deceased; that said deceased resided in the County of Lincoln and State of Nebraska, at the time of her death and died therein, by reason whereof jurisdiction to administer her estate appertains to the county court of said Lincoln County.

Said petitioner prays this court for a determination of the time of the death of the decedent, Mary E. McKnight, a determination of the heirs of said Mary E. McKnight, the degree of kinship and the right of the real property belonging to the said Mary E. McKnight, deceased, and for all other and proper relief.

It is therefore ordered that said petition be heard and determined by this court at the county court room in the City of North Platte, County of Lincoln, and State of Nebraska, on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M., which time and place are fixed by this court for the hearing thereon.

It is further ordered that the notice shall be published in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a legal semi-weekly newspaper in said county for three successive weeks prior to said hearing.

Dated this 10th day of June, A. D. 1920 (SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST, J. L. 2. County Judge.

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ROAD NOTICE.

The Special Road Commissioner appointed to view and report upon the practicability of the vacation of that portion of the public road in the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-one, Township fourteen North of Range thirty West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, described as follows: From the intersection of the center line of the south main track of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, as now located, constructed, maintained and operated, with the east line of said Section thirty-one, measure northwesterly along said center line of main track a distance of seventeen hundred fifty-six and seven-tenths feet to a point, thence northwesterly, at right angles to said center line of main track, a distance of one hundred feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning being in the northerly right of way line of said Railroad Company and also being in the westerly line of that certain north and south county road, which said county road is described as a strip of land sixty-six feet in width and approximately ninety-four rods in length in that certain quit-claim deed dated July 19th, 1910, from Louisa M. Cook and husband to Lincoln County, Nebraska, recorded in the records of Lincoln County in Book B-3, at Page 76; thence northwesterly along said westerly line of that certain north and south county road and at right angles to said center line of main track a distance of sixty-six feet to a point; thence northwesterly, at right angles to said center line of main track, a distance of two hundred sixty-four and eight tenths feet to a point which is in said northerly right of way line of said Railroad Company, thence northwesterly from the point of beginning when measured along said northerly right of way line and one hundred feet distant northwesterly, at right angles, from said center line of main track a distance of six hundred eighty feet to the point of beginning, has filed his report in favor of such vacation.

And the said Special Road Commissioner appointed to view and report upon the practicability of establishing in lieu of the public road petitioned to be vacated as above described, a public road in the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-one, in the NW¼ NE¼ of Section 31, T. 14, R. 30 W. of the 6